RoyalTek Evaluation Kit REV-2000 Operational Manual

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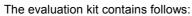
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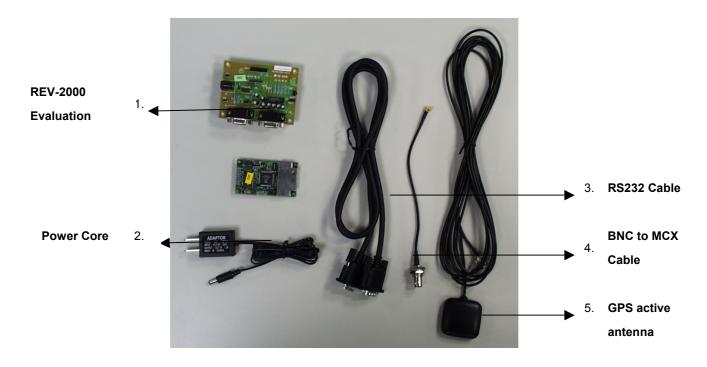
Introduction

REV-2000 is an evaluation kit for RoyalTek GPS engine board series, REB-12R2/R6/ REB-2000/ REB-2001. It is convenient to test the GPS performance, cold start / warm start / hot start, position update and so on by using the REV-2000. REV-2000 helps you understand the operation and performance of Royaltek's GPS engine boards in a couple of minutes. It can also provide you design the OEM products that use RoyalTek's GPS engine boards.

Packing list





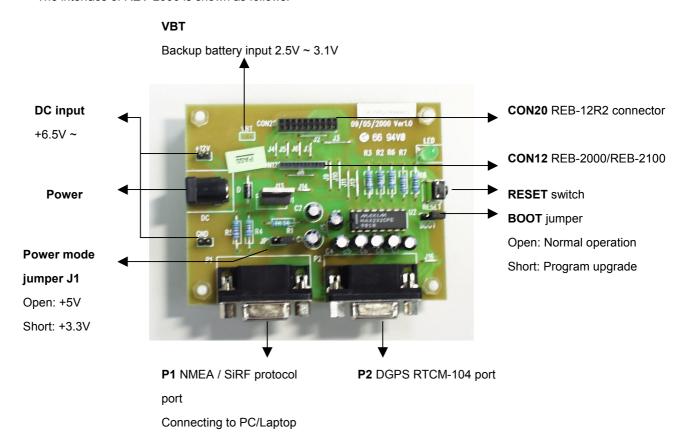


No.	Items	Specification	Quantity	Description
1	REV-2000 Evaluation Board	68*88mm	1	PROVIDE POWER FOR GPS ENGINE BOARD AND CONVERT THE SIGNAL FROM TTL TO RS-232 CONNECTING TO PC.
2	Power Core	AC 110V or 220V 7.5V/1.0A/2.5mm/1.8M	1	AC/DC ADAPTOR. THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF ADPATOR, 110V AND 220V.
3	RS232 Cable	9pin/1.5M	1	RS-232 CABLE CONNECTING EVALUATION BOARD WITH PC.
4	RF Extension Cable (Optional)	150mm	1	RF EXTENSION CABLE FOR MCX TO BNC. IF YOU ORDER THE MMCX ANTENNA FOR REB-2000, YOU DON'T NEED TO ORDER THIS EXTENSION CABLE. PLEASE CONTACT SALES@ROYALTEK.COM FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
5	GPS active antenna	enna 5M		GPS ACTIVE ATENNA.
6	GPS receiver (Optional)	REB-12R or REB-2000		THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF GPS, REB-12R AND REB-2000 SERIES. PLEASE SELECT THE DESIRED ON.

Getting started

To Setup REV-2000

The interface of REV-2000 is shown as follows:



Power mode jumper J1

The power core of REV-2000 is 110V AC/ 7.5V DC adaptor. It converts the 110 AC to DC. RoyalTek can also provide you 220V AC power core. Beware of the AC power of your office and tell RoyalTek's sales person for preparing the correct power code for you.

REV-2000 provides 3 power modes on borad, 3.3V and 5V. JP1: Open for +5V, Short for 3.3V. The 3.3V is for REB-2000/ REB-2100. The 5V is for REB-12R2.

BOOT jumper

The BOOT jumper is for program upgrade. It shall be kept open for normal operation. When the BOOT is short, the GPS engine board is

waiting for program upgrade and output nothing when running SiRF demo program.

Please refer the **program upgrade** session for program update.

DC input

The power input can be DC input instead of using AC power core. The input range of the DC input is from $6.5V \sim 12V$. We suggest you use +7.5V as the DC input.

Reset

It is used for external reset.

VBT

This is for RAM backup power of REB-2000/REB-2100 and REB-12R2. The

input range is from 2.5V ~ 3.1V DC.

P1

This is NMEA/SiRF protocol output/input port.

Please connect it to PC or Laptop RS-232

port.

P2

This is DGPS input port.

CON12

This is the socket for REB-2000/REB-2100. Please refer the hardware interface section for the pin assignment.

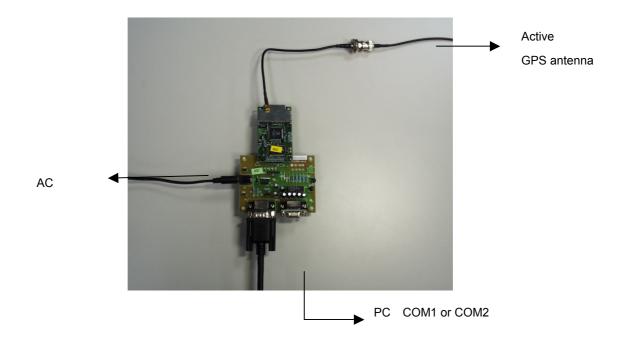
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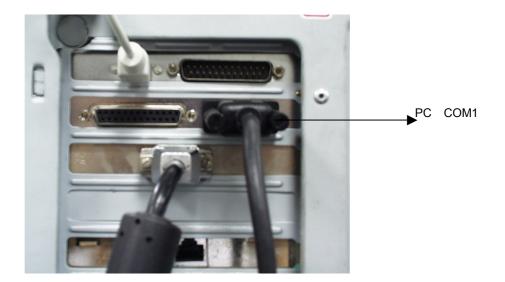
This is the socket for REB-12R2. Please refer the hardware interface section for the pin assignment.

Setup procedure

- (1) Plug the REB-12R2 on the CON20
- (2) Plug the active antenna into the external antenna connector. The suitable view angle of the active antenna is necessary. Caution: Please do not put any metal stuff on the antenna.
- (3) Connecting the RS-232 cable between REV-2000 P1 and PC.
- (4) Plug the power core. (or connecting the DC power input, 6.5V ~ 12V)

After you finish setup, it is like as follows:





To operate REV-2000

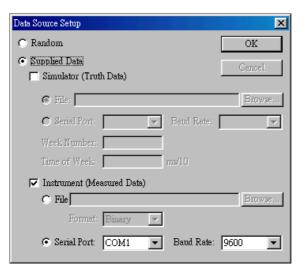
Install the SiRFDemo.exe

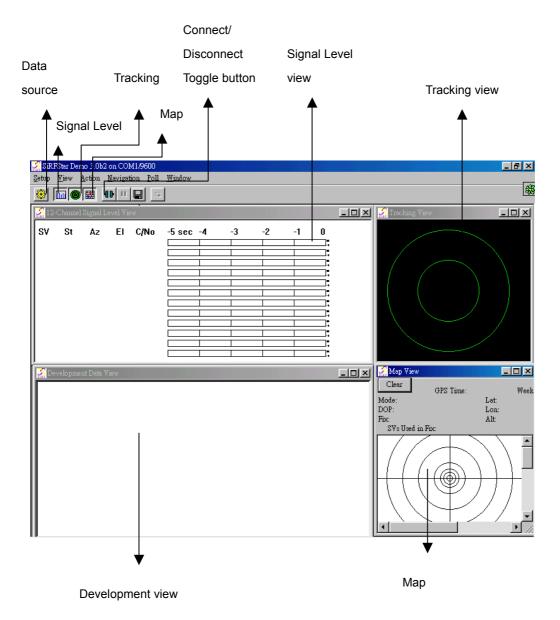
Copy the SiRFDemo.exe from the CD-ROM \Toolkit\SiRFDemo.exe to the destination path, e.g. "c:\RoyakTek\REV-2000\Demo.exe". Add a shortcut of SiRFdemo.exe on the desktop of Windows 98.

- (2) Choose the "Supplied Data" radio button. Click the "Instrument(Measured Data)" check box.
- (3) Select the serial port, e.g. COM1. The default baud rate of REB-2100 and Reb-12R2 is 9600bps. Click the OK.
- (4) There are 6 menus on the menu bar: Setup, View, Action, Navigation, Poll and Window.

To use Sirfdemo.exe

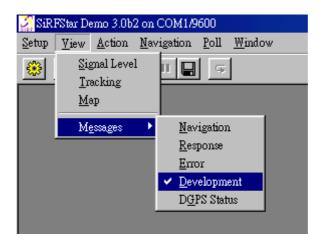
(1) Double click the SiRFdemo.exe.





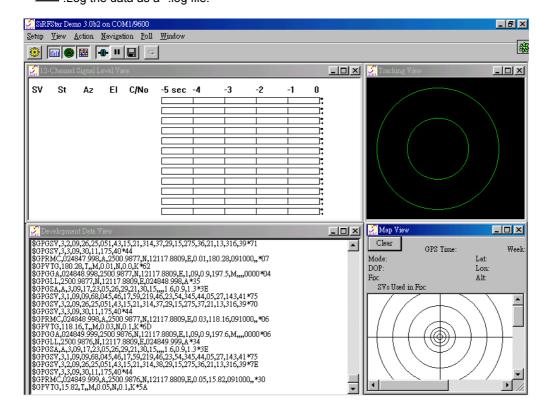
(5) Click the "Signal level", "Tracking", "Map" buttons of the tool bar to enable the "Signal level view", "Tracking view" and "Map view".

(6) Check the View / Messages / Development to enable the development view.



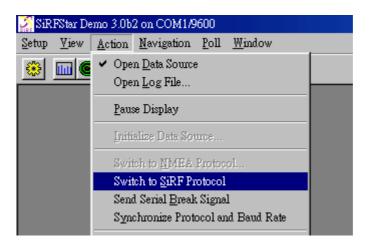
- (7) Click the to start testing.
- (8) The other buttons of tool bar are explained as follows:
 - : Pause the data reception.
 - :Log the data as a *.log file.

- : Initialize Data Source
- (9) After you click the NMEA output on the development view.

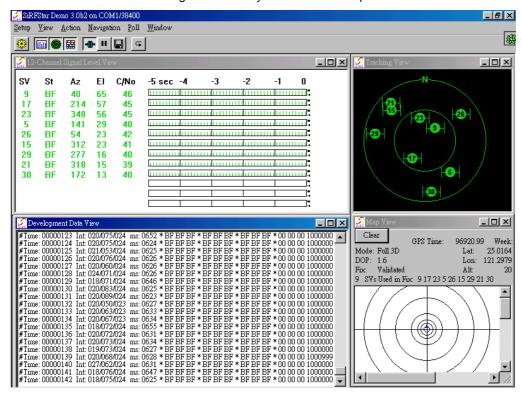


To switch from NMEA to SiRF protocol

Check Action / Switch to SiRF Protocol.



You could see the following screen after you switch to SiRF protocol.



12-Channel Signal Level Data:

Information Displayed	Description	_
Satellite Number (SV)	GPS satellite PRN number	
Status (St)	Satellite status	
Azimuth (Az)	Satellite azimuth (in degrees)	
Elevation (EI)	Satellite elevation (in degrees)	
C/No	Signal level (in dB-Hz)	
Signal Level (-5 sec)	5-second history	

Tracking view:

Green: Satellite is tracked and used to calculate the navigation solution.

Blue: Satellite is tracked but is not

used to calculate the navigation

solution.

Red: Satellite is lost tracked.

Development data view: It is for

development purpose not for user.

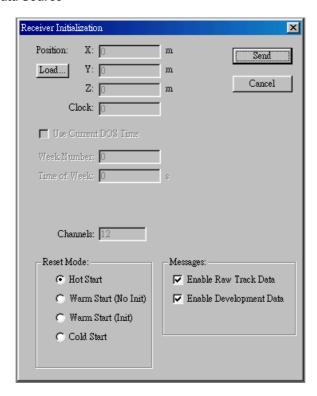
Map View: Demonstrate the GPS time,

Latitude, Longitude, Altitude and

Navigation mode etc.

Click the button to initialize data source. It provides the cold start, warm start and hot start test functions. The receiver initialization view is like follows:

Initialize Data Source

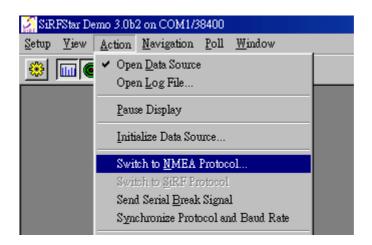


The definition of cold start, warm start and hot start is described as following table:

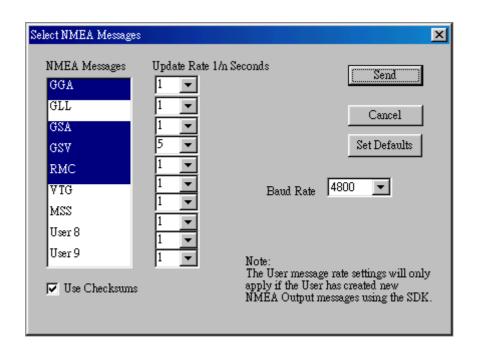
Option	Description
Hot Start	The Evaluation Unit restarts by using values stored in the internal of the GPS receiver.
Warm Start (No init)	This option has the same functionality as Hot Start except that Ephemeris data and retains all other data.
Warm Start (init)	This option clears all initialization data in the GPS receiver and subsequently reloads the data that is currently displayed in the GPS receiver initialization is cleared.
Cold Start	This option clears all data that is currently stored in the internal memory of the GPS receiver including position, almanac, ephemeris, time, and clock drift.

To switch from SiRF protocol to NMEA protocol

(1) Select the "Action/Switch to NMEA Protocol" like follows.



(2) After you select the "Switch to NMEA Protocol", it will show up a "Select NMEA Messages" dialog. Select the NMEA Messages that you want to use.



- (3) Determine the update rate for each NMEA message
- (4) Select the baud rate that you want to use from the Baud Rate pull down menu.
- (5) Click the OK button to save or Cancel button to exit
- (6) It will switch to NMEA protocol.

To Synchronize Protocol

When you don't know what the

protocol/baud rate is set in REB-2100 or REB-12R2, you can use this option to synchronize protocol. Select the Action/Synchronize Protocol and Baud Rate. It will synchronize the protocol and Baud Rate.

To Switch Trickle Power Parameters from SiRFDemo.exe

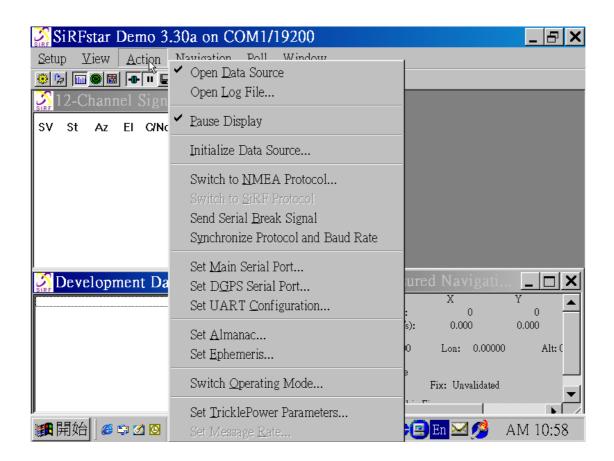
There are two modes of low power operation:

- (1) Trickle power: In TricklePower mode, the power to is cycled periodically, so that it operates only a fraction of the time. REB-2100 has the default trickle power parameters: OnPeriod: 300ms, Update rate: 1 second. REB-12R2 does not provide the trickle power feature.
- (2) Push to fix: In Push-to-Fix mode, the receiver is generally off, but turns on frequently enough to collect ephemeris. So that, upon user request, a position fix

can be provided quickly after power-up.

REB-2100 provides push to fix function
but it is disabled default. REB-12R2 does
not provide this function.

It provides the trickle power operation in REB-2100 default. REB-12R2 doesn't support the trickle power now. To enable trickle power mode from SiRFdemo.exe, please select the "Action/Set TricklePower Parameters" like following picture.

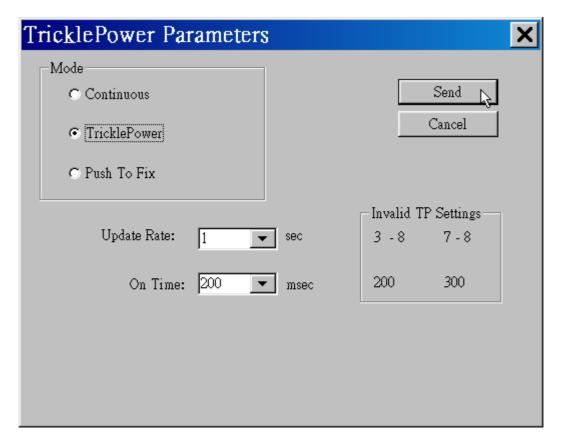


Then, it will show a "TricklePower parameters" dialog for parameters setting. There are two parameters of Trickle power that needs to be set, "Update Rate and On Time". The "Update Rate" means the navigation update frequency. For example, "1 sec" means output once per second and "2 sec" means output once per 2

seconds. The "On time" means running time in the output period. For example, "200 ms" means the running time is 200 ms per navigation update. The duty cycle of trickle power is determined by setting of "Update Rate" and "On Time". For example, if the "Update Rate" is 1 sec and "On time" is 200ms, the duty

cycle is 200ms/1000ms = 20%. If the "Update Rate" is 2 sec and "On Time" is 300 ms, the duty cycle is 300ms/2000ms = 15%. The duty cycle is limited to $5\% \sim 50\%$. Since it will do some estimation in trickle power, please tune

the proper duty cycle that can compromise the power consumption and acceptable navigation performance. The "ricklePower Prameters" dialog is shown as following picture.



To change TricklePower parameters of REB-2100 from 12 pins interface.

Since it is NMEA output default, it needs to change to SiRF protocol before change TricklePower parameters. The procedure is described as follows:

- (1) Use "Set Serial Port" command of SiRF NMEA input messages.\$PSRF100,0,9600,8,1,0*0C<CR><LF> It will switch from NMEA to SiRF protocol.
- (2) Use "Set Trickle Power Parameters -Message I.D. 151" to set the trickle power parameters.
- (3) Use "Switch To NMEA Protocol -

Message I.D. 129" to switch back to NMEA protocol.

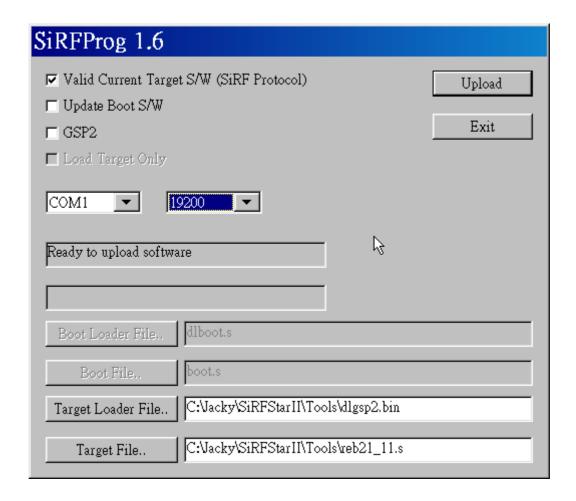
To upgrade GPS engine board program

- (1) Turn off the power.
- (2) Keep the BOOT jumper short.
- (3) Turn on the power.
- (4) Run the SiRFProg.exe.
- (5) Select the Target Loader File. Select dltarget.s for REB-12R2/R1. Select dlgsp2.bin for REB-2100.
- (6) Select the Target file that need to be programmed into flash memory.

- (7) Select the COM port. Keep the Baud rate at 19200 for REB-2100 and 9600 for REB-12R2/R1.
- (8) If you want to upload program to Reb-2100, please assert the GPS2 check box. But leave it unasserted for Reb-12R2/R1.
- (9) Click Upload to begin programming flash

memory.

(10) When you finish upload, turn off the power.
Keep the **BOOT** jumper open and turn on power. It will run the new program that uploaded into flash memory.



Product Features

REB-2100

- OEM product development is fully supported through applications engineering and WEB technique forum.
- Small and compact footprints measuring " ".

- ♦ 12 parallel channels
- ♦ 0.1 second re-acquisition time.
- Trickled power enabled for power saving.
- Enhanced algorithm for navigation stability.
- NMEA-0183 compliant protocol/custom protocol.
- ♦ WAAS demodulator

- Excellent sensitive for urban canyon and foliage environments.
- Single satellite positioning.
- Dual multi path rejection.

REB-12R

- OEM product development is fully supported through applications engineering and WEB technique forum.
- ♦ 12 parallel channels
- ♦ 0.1 second re-acquisition time.
- Enhanced algorithm for navigation stability.
- NMEA-0183 compliant protocol/custom protocol.
- Excellent sensitive for urban canyon and foliage environments.
- Single satellite positioning.
- Dual multi path rejection.

Product applications

REB-2100

- Portable IA device for personal navigation/ position commerce (P-Commerce)
- Automotive applications
- Personal positioning and navigation
- ♦ Marine navigation

♦ Timing application

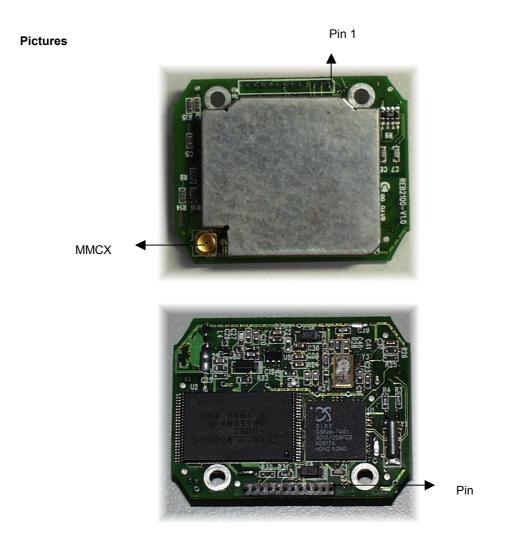
REB-12R

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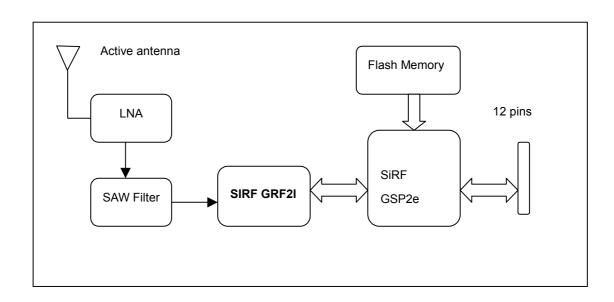
Technique description

REB-2100

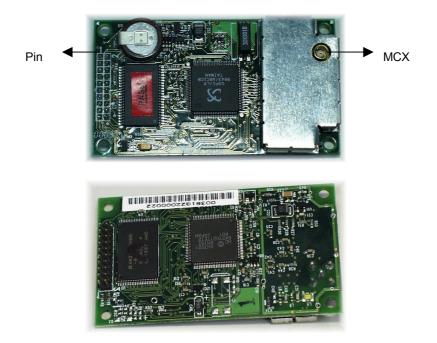
General information. The REB-2100 is a stamp size GPS receiver. It requires +3.3V DC power input. It can operate with an active antenna through a MMCX connector. It provides the antenna power through RF cable. The default DC input of active antenna is 3.3V +/- 10%. Since it needs 4 satellites or more to do the first position fix. The suitable view angle of the active antenna is necessary. It will determine the first time position update after a good satellites geometry (PDOP <= 10). If the satellites are blocked, it may take time to determine the position. Caution: Please do not put any metal stuff on the antenna. It results in GPS receiver getting nothing. In urban canyon, the fast 0.1 s re-acquisition capability can make it determine the position right away through the cross-intersection.



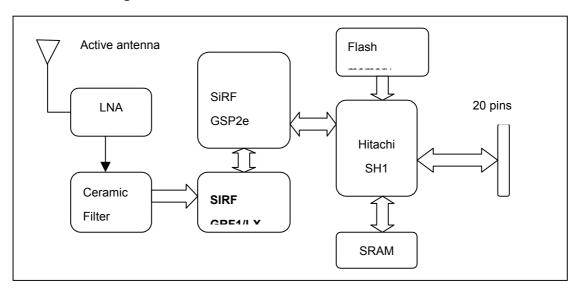
REB-2100 System Block Diagram



REB-12R



REB-12R Block diagram



Technique specifications REB-2100.

Operational Characteristics.

12 Channels

L1, 1575.42MHz.

C / A code, 1.023MHz chip rate.

Snap start:2second, average

Hot start * 8second, average

Warm start • 45second, average

Cold start • 60second, average

Reacquisition:0.1 second, average

Navigation update rate • Once per

second.

Datum: WGS-84.

Accuracy.

Position accuracy • 25m CEP without SA Velocity accuracy:0.1 meters/second without SA

DGPS Accuracy.

Position:1 to 5 m, typical

Velocity: 0.05 meters/second, typical

Dynamics.

Altitude • 18000 meters (60000 feet)

Max

Velocity • 515 meters / second Max.

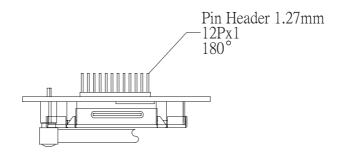
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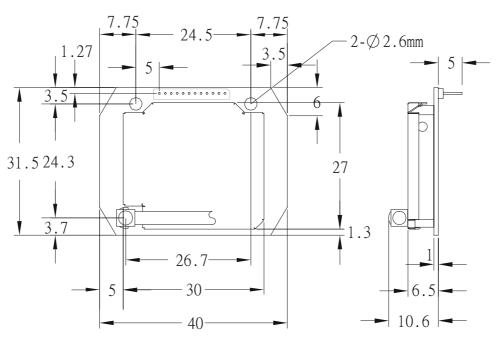
REB-2100 Dimension.

Acceleration • 4 g., Max.

Power Requirements.

Regulated power for the REB-2000/ REB-2100 is required. The input voltage shall be $3.3V\pm10$ %. The power of active antenna is supplied by REB-2000/REB-2100. It doesn't need to supply the antenna from outside of REB-2000/REB-2100. The full run (without trickle power) maximum current is less than 170mA.





Weight. 8.6g

Environment.

Temperature.

Humidity. \leq 95% noncondensing.

Storage temperature −10 ~ +85 Degree

RF connector

(Celsius).

The RF connector is MMCX receptacle.

Operating temperature -10 ~ +70 Degree

Active antenna.

(Celsius).

GSP Antenna

Characteristics	Specification
Center frequency	1575.42 ± 1.023MHz
Bandwidth	2MHz Min.
Gain at Zenith	2.0 dBi Min.
Gain at 10° elevation	-4.0 dBi Min.
Polarization	R.H.C.P
Axial Ratio	4.0dB Max.

5V Filter/LNA:

Characteristics	Specification
Center frequency (fo)	1575.42 ± 1.023MHz
Gain	28dB Min.
Noise Figure	2.0dB Max.
Out band attenuation	2dB Min. fo ± 20MHz 12dB Min. fo ± 50MHz 22dB Min. fo ± 100MHz
Output V.S.W.R.	2.0 dB max.
Voltage	$5.0 \pm 0.5 \text{V}$
Current	12mA Max.

3.3V Filter/LNA:

Characteristics	Specification	
Center frequency (fo)	1575.42 ± 1.023MHz	
Gain	26dB Min.	
Noise Figure	2.0dB Max.	
Out band attenuation	2dB Min. fo ± 20MHz	
	12dB Min. fo ± 50MHz	
	22dB Min. fo ± 100MHz	
Output V.S.W.R.	2.0 dB max.	
Voltage	$3.3 \pm 0.3 \text{V}$	
Current	12mA Max.	

REB-12R.

Navigation update rate • Once per

Operational Characteristics.

second.

12 Channels

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L1, 1575.42MHz.

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Position accuracy • 25m CEP without SA

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without SA

Warm start • 45second, average

DGPS Accuracy.

Cold start • 60second, average

Position:1 to 5 m, typical

Reacquisition: 0.1 second, average

Velocity: 0.05 meters/second, typical

Dynamics.

Altitude • 18000 meters (60000 feet) Max.

Velocity • 515 meters / second Max.

Acceleration • 4 g., Max.

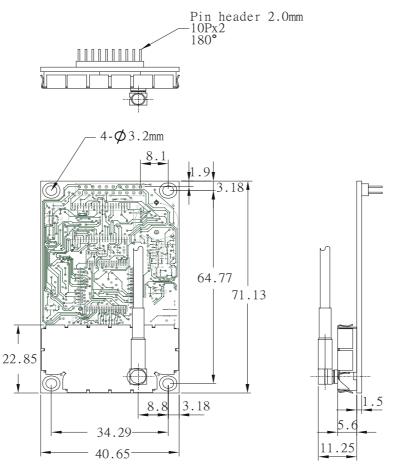
Power Requirements.

Regulated power for the REB-12R2 is required. The input voltage shall be $5V \pm 5$

%. The power of active antenna is supplied through the 2nd pin of the interface. The maximum current is less than 180mA without antenna.

Physical.

Dimension. 72mm x 41mm x 19mm



Weight. 23gw

Environment.

Temperature.

Storage temperature –55 ~ +100 Degree

(Celsius).

Operating temperature -40 ~ +85 Degree

(Celsius).

Humidity. \leq 95% noncondensing.

RF connector.

The RF connector is MCX receptacle.

Active antenna.

It is same as the one for REB-2100 except the RF connector.

Ordering information

For the complete pricing and delivery information, please contact:

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Hardware interface

REB-2100.

Pin NO	Signal	I/O	Description	Characteristics
	Name		.001/000	DO - 0 0) / - 100/
1	VCC_3		+3.3V DC Power Input	DC +3.3V ± 10%.
2	TXA	0	NMEA Output	TTL Level
			9600bps, 8 data bits, no	Voh ≥ 2.4V
			parity, 1 stop bit	Vo1 ≤ 0.4V
3	RXA		Reserved	
4	GND	G	Ground	
5	GPIOA		Reserved	
6	TXB		Reserved	
7	RXB		RTCM 104 differential GPS	TTL Level
			input.	Voh ≥ 2.4V
				Vo1 ≤ 0.4V
8	TIMEMA	0	1PPS Time Mark Output.	TTL Level
	RK			Voh ≥ 2.4V
				Vo1 ≤ 0.4V
9	RESET	I	Reset Input, Active Low	Voh>VCC_3 -1.5V
			-	Vol<0.3V
10	VANT	0	Reserved	DC +3.3V ± 10%.
11	VBAT	I	User Supply +2.5~3.1V DC	DC + 2.5 ~ 3.1V
			Power Input*	Current ≤ 10uA
12	BOOTSE		Reserved	
	Т			

VCC_3 DC Power Input

RoyalTek also provides the 3.3~V version GPS receiver. This is the main power supply for the Engine board. Use a regulated 3.3V supply ($\pm~10\%$).

GND

GND provides the ground for the Engine

board. Connect all grounds.

Serial Data:RXA, RXB, TXA, and TXB

The GPS Engine board supports two full duplicated serial channels. All four connections are at TTL levels, and all support variable baud rates. A TTL to RS232 conversion is necessary to directly

communicate with a PC serial port.

RXA

This is the main receiving channel and is used to receive software commands to the Engine board from user written software.

RXB

This is the auxiliary receive channel and is used to input differential corrections to the Engine board to DGPS navigation.

TXA

This is the main transmit channel and is used to output navigation and measurement data to user written software.

TXB

Reserved.

RESET

This pin provides an active-low reset input to the Engine board. It causes the board to reset and start searching for satellites. PB Reset is an optional input and, if not used, should be tied high.

TIMEMARK

This pin provides one pulse per second output from the engine board which is synchronized to within one microsecond of GPS time. The output is a TTL negative level signal with negative logic.

VBAT

This is the battery backup supply that powers the SRAM and RTC when main power is removed. Typical current draw is 10 uA. Without an external backup battery or on board battery, engine board will execute a cold start after every turn on. To achieve the faster start-up offered by a hot or warm start, either a backup battery must be connected or battery installed on board.

BOOTSEL

This is for software upgrade when pull high to 3.3V. It can be left non-connected for normal operation because of internal $68k\Omega$ pull low resistor.

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Pin NO	Signal Name	I/O	Description	Characteristics
1	VANT	_	Antenna DC Voltage	Depending on the user requirement
2	VCC_5	_	+5V DC Power Input	DC +5V ± 10%.
3	VBAT	I	User Supply +3.3V DC Power Input*	DC +3.3V ± 10%. Current ≤ 10mA
4	Reserved		Reserved	DC +3V ± 10%
5	RESET	_	Reset Input, Active Low	Vih>2.3V , Voh>VCC-1.5V Vil<0.8V , Vol<0.4V
6	RESERVED	ı	Reserved	
7	RESERVED	ı	Reserved	
8	RESERVED	ı	Reserved	
9	RESERVED	ı	Reserved	
10	GND	G	Ground	
11	TXA	0	NMEA Output 9600bps, 8 data bits, no parity, 1 stop bit	Voh ≥ VCC-0.5, Vo1 ≤ 0.4V, Ioh = -200uA Io1 = 1.6mA
12	RAX	I	Serial Data Input A	VCC*0.7 ≤ Vih ≤ VCC+0.3V, -0.3V ≤ Vil ≤ VCC*0.2V
13	GND	G	Ground	
14	TXB	0	Serial Data Output B	Voh ≥ VCC-0.5, Vo1 ≤ 0.4V, Ioh = -200uA Io1 = 1.6mA
15	RXB	Ι	RTCM 104 differential GPS input.	VCC*0.7 ≤ Vih ≤ VCC+0.3V -0.3V ≤ Vil ≤ VCC*0.2V
16	GND	G	Ground	
17	RESERVED	-	Reserved	

18	GND	G	Ground	
19	TIMEMARK	0	Output.	Voh \geq VCC-0.4V, Vo1 \leq 0.4V, I o h = 4mA I o 1 = 4mA Pulse duration 100ms. Time reference is at the pulse negative edge. Measurements are aligned to GPS second, \pm 1 microsecond.
20	RESERVED	-	Reserved	

VCC_5 DC Power Input

This is the main power supply for the GPS Engine board. Use a regulated 5V supply (\pm 5%) capable of supplying 180mA.

VANT

DC voltage for an active antenna. This voltage is not required for operation with a passive antenna.

VCC_3 DC Power Input

RoyalTek also provides the 3.3 V version GPS receiver. This is the main power supply for the Engine board. Use a regulated 3.3V supply (\pm 5%).

GND

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The GPS Engine board supports two full duplicated serial channels. All four connections are at TTL levels, and all support variable baud rates. A TTL to RS232 conversion is necessary to directly communicate with a PC serial port.

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Absolute maximum ratings

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Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Min. Value	Max. Value
Supply voltage VCC_3		V	-0.3	3.6
Input pin voltage		V	-0.3	VCC_3 + 0.3
Output pin voltage		V	-0.3	VCC_3 + 0.3
Output current		mA		±25
RTC power	VBAT	V	1.5	3.6

REB-12R

Parameter	ameter Symbol Unit		Min. Value	Max. Value
Supply voltage	VCC_5	V	-0.3	6
RTC power	VBAT	V	-0.3	3.6

Software interface

NMEA V2.2 Protocol

It is the RS-232 interface:9600 bps, 8 bit data, 1 stop bit and no parity. It supports the

following NMEA-0183 messages:GGA, GLL,

GSA, GSV, RMC and VTG.

NMEA Output Messages

The Engine board outputs the following messages as shown in Table 1:

Table 1 NMEA-0183 Output Messages

NMEA Record	Description			
GGA	Global positioning system fixed data			
GLL	Geographic position – latitude / longitude			
GSA	GNSS DOP and active satellites			
GSV	GNSS satellites in view			
RMC Recommended minimum specific GNSS data				
VTG Course over ground and ground speed				

GGA-Global Positioning System Fixed Data

Table 2 contains the values of the following

example: \$GPGGA, 161229.487, 3723.2475, N, 12158.3416, W, 1, 07, 1.0, 9.0, M, , , ,0000*18

Table 2 GGA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPGGA		GGA protocol header
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Latitude	3723.2475		ddmm.mmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Position Fix Indicator	1		See Table 2-1
Satellites Used	07		Range 0 to 12
HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
MSL Altitude	9.0	meters	
Units	M	meters	
Geoid Separation		meters	
Units	M	meters	

Age of Diff. Corr.		second	Null fields when DGPS is not used
Diff. Ref. Station ID	0000		
Checksum	*18		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Table 2-1 Position Fix Indicator

Value	Description			
0	Fix not available or invalid			
1	GPS SPS Mode, fix valid			
2	Differential GPS, SPS Mode, fix valid			
3	GPS PPS Mode, fix valid			

GLL-Geographic Position – Latitude/Longitude

Table 3 contains the values of the following

example:\$GPGLL, 3723.2475, N, 12158.3416, W, 161229.487, A*2C

Table 3 GLL Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPGLL		GLL protocol header
Latitude	3723.2475		ddmm.mmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		Dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.ss
Status	Α		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Checksum	*2C		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

GSA-GNSS DOP and Active Satellites

Table 4 contains the values of the following

example:\$GPGSA, A, 3, 07, 02, 26, 27, 09, 04, 15, , , , , , 1.8,1.0,1.5*33

Table 4 GSA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPGSA		GSA protocol header
Mode 1	Α		See Table 4-2
Mode 2	3		See Table 4-1
Satellite Used	07		Sv on Channel 1
Satellite Used	02		Sv on Channel 2
Satellite Used			Sv on Channel 12
PDOP	1.8		Position Dilution of Precision
HDOP	1.0		Horizontal Dilution of Precision
VDOP	1.5		Vertical Dilution of Precision
Checksum	*33		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Table 4-1 Mode 1

Value	Description
1	Fix not available
2	2D
3	3D

Table 4-2 Mode 2

Value	Description
M	Manual-forced to operate in 2D or 3D mode
Α	Automatic-allowed to automatically switch 2D/3D

GSV-GNSS Satellites in View

Table 5 contains the values of the following example: \$GPGSV, 2, 1, 07, 07, 79, 048, 42, 02, 51, 062, 43, 26, 36,

256, 42, 27, 27, 138, 42*71\$GPGSV, 2, 2, 07, 09, 23, 313, 42, 04, 19, 159, 41, 15, 12, 041, 42*41

Table 5 GGA Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPGSV		GSV protocol header
Number of Messages ¹	2		Range 1 to 3
Messages Number ¹	1		Range 1 to 3
Satellites in View	07		
Satellite ID	07		Channel 1(Range 1 to 32)
Elevation	79	degrees	Channel 1(Maximum 90)
Azimuth	048	degrees	Channel 1(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR (C/No)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99, null when not tracking
Satellite ID	27		Channel 4(Range 1 to 32)
Elevation	27	degrees	Channel 4(Maximum 90)
Azimuth	138	degrees	Channel 4(True, Range 0 to 359)
SNR (C/No)	42	dBHz	Range 0 to 99, null when not tracking
Checksum	*71		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

¹Depending on the number of satellites

tracked multiple messages of GSV data may be required.

Specific GNSS Data

Table 6 contains the values of the following example: \$GPRMC, 161229.487, A, 3723.2475, N, 12158.3416, W, 0.13, 309.62, 120598, *10

Table 6 GGA Data Format

RMC-Recommended Minimum

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPRMC		RMC protocol header
UTC Position	161229.487		hhmmss.sss
Status	Α		A=data valid or V=data not valid
Latitude	3723.2475		ddmm.mmmm
N/S Indicator	N		N=north or S=south
Longitude	12158.3416		dddmm.mmmm
E/W Indicator	W		E=east or W=west
Speed Over Ground	0.13	knots	
Course Over Ground	309.62	degrees	True
Date	120598		ddmmyy
Magnetic Variation		degrees	E=east or W=west
Checksum	*10		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

VTG-Course Over Ground and Ground Speed

Table 7 contains the values of the following example:\$GPVTG, 309.62, T, , M, 0.13, N, 0.2, K*6E

Table 7 VTG Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$GPVTG		VTG protocol header
Course	309.62	degrees	Measured heading
Reference	T		True
Course		degrees	Measured heading
Reference	M		Magnetic
Speed	0.13	knots	Measured horizontal speed
Units	N		Knots
Speed	0.2	km/hr	Measured horizontal speed
Units	K		Kilometer per hour
Checksum	*6E		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

SiRF Proprietary NMEA Input

Messages

NMEA input messages allow you to control the Evaluation Unit in NMEA protocol mode. The Evaluation Unit may be put into NMEA mode by sending the SiRF Binary protocol message "Switch To NMEA Protocol –

Message I.D.129 " on page 17 using a user program or using SiRFdemo.exe and selecting Switch to NMEA Protocol from the Action menu. If the receiver is in SiRF Binary mode, all the NMEA input messages are ignored. Once the receiver is put into NMEA mode, the following messages may be used to command the module.

Transport Message

Start Sequence	Payload	Checksum	End Sequence
\$PSRF <mid>1</mid>	Data ²	*CKSUM ³	<cr><lf>⁴</lf></cr>

¹Message Identifier consists of three numeric characters . Input messages begin at MID 100.

²Message specific data. Refer to a specific message section for <data>...<data> definition

³CKSUM is a two-hex character checksum as defined in the NMEA specification . Use of checksums is required on all input messages.

⁴Each message is terminated by using

Carriage Return (CR) Line Feed (LF) which is \r\n which is hex 0D 0A. Because \r\n are not printable ASCII characters, they are omitted from the example strings, but must be sent to terminate the message and cause the receiver to process that input message.

Note – All fields in all proprietary NMEA messages are required, none are exceptional.

All NMEA messages are comma delimited

Message	Message Identifier (MID)	Description
Set Serial Port	100	Set PORT A Parameters and protocol
Navigation Initialization	101	Parameters required for start using X/Y/Z
Set DGPS Port	102	Set PORT B parameters for DGPS input
Query / Rate Control	103	Query standard NMEA message and/or set output rate
LLA Navigation Initialization	104	Parameters required for start using Lat/Lon/Alt1
Development Data On/Off	105	Development Data messages On/Off

Input coordinates must be WGS84.

Set Serial Port

This command message is used to set the protocol (SiRF Binary or NMEA) and/or the communication parameters (baud, data bits, stop bits, parity). Generally, this command is used to switch the module back to SiRF Binary protocol mode where a more

extensive command message set is available. When a valid message is received, the parameters are stored in battery-backed SRAM and then the Evaluation Unit restarts using the saved parameters.

Table 8 contains the input values for the following example: Switch to SIRE Binary

following example:Switch to SIRF Binary protocol at 9600,8,N,1 \$P\$RF100,0,9600,8,1,0*0C

Table 8 Set Serial Port Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF100		PSRF100 protocol header
Protocol	0		0=SiRF Binary, 1=NMEA
Baud	9600		4800,9600,19200,38400
Data Bits	8		8,71
Stop Bits	1		0,1
Parity	0		0=None ,1=Odd,2=Even
Checksum	*0C		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

¹SiRF protocol is only valid for 8data bits, 1 stop bit, and no parity.

LLA Navigation Initialization

This command is used to initialize the module for a warm start, which provide current position (in X, Y, Z coordinates), clock offset, and time. This enables the Evaluation Unit to search for the correct satellite signals at the correct signal

parameters . Correct initialization
parameters enable the Evaluation Unit to
acquire signals quickly.

Table 9 contains the input values for the following example:Switch to SiRF Binary protocol at 9600,8,N,1 \$PSRF 101,-2686700,-4304200, 3851624, 95000, 497260, 921, 12, 3*22

Table 9 Navigation Initialization Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF101		PSRF101 protocol header
ECEF X	-2686700	Meters	X coordinate position
ECEF Y	-4304200	Meters	Y coordinate position
ECEF Z	3851624	Meters	Z coordinate position
CLK Offset	95000	Hz	Clock Offset of the Evaluation Unit ¹
Time Of Week	497260	seconds	GPS Time OF Week
Week No	921		GPS Week Number
Channel Count	12		Range 1 to 12
Reset Cfh	3		See Table 10
Checksum	*22		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Use 0 for last saved value if available. If this is unavailable, a default value of 96,000 will be used...

Table 10 Reset Configuration

Hex	Description
0x01	Data Valid – Warm /Hot Starts=1
0x02	Clear Ephemeris – Warm Start=1
0x04	Clear Memory – Cold Start =1

Set DGPS Port

This command is used to control Serial Port B which is an input – only serial port used to receive RTCM differential corrections.

Differential receivers may output corrections using different communication parameters.

The default communication parameters for

PORT B are 9600 baud, 8 data bits, stop bit, and no parity. If a DGPS received, the parameters are stored in battery – backed SRAM and then the receiver restarts using the saved parameters.

Table 11 contains the input values for the following example:Set DGPS Port to be 9600,8,N,1. \$PSRF 102,9600,8,1,0*3C

Table 11 Set DGPS Port Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF102		PSRF102 protocol header
Baud	9600		4800,9600,19200,38400
Data Bits	8		8,7
Stop Bits	1		0,1
Parity	0		0==None, 1=Odd, 2=Even
Checksum	*3C		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Query/Rate Control

This command is used to control the output of standard NMEA messages GGA, GLL, GSA, RMC, and VTG. Using this command message, standard NMEA messages may be polled once, or setup for periodic output. Checksums may also be enabled or disabled depending on the needs of the receiving program. NMEA message settings are saved in battery-backed memory for each entry

when the message is accepted.

Table 12 Query/Rate Control Data
Format(See example 1.)

1.Quety the GGA message with checksum enabled: \$PSRF103,00,01,00,01*25

2.Enable VTG message for a 1 Hz constant output with checksum enabled: \$PSRF103,05,00,01,01*20

3.Disable VTG message
\$PSRF103,05,00,00,01*21

Table 12 Query/Rate Control Data Format(See example 1.)

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF103		PSRF102 protocol header
Message	00		See Table 13
Mode	01		0=Set Rate, 1=Query
Rate	00	seconds	Output – off=0,max=255
Cksum Enable	01		0=Disable Checksum, 1=Enable Checksum
Checksum	*25		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Table 13 Messages

Value	Description	
0	GGA	
1	GLL	
2	GSA	
3	GSV	
4	RMC	
5	VTG	

LLA Navigation Initialization

This command is used to initialize the module for a warm start, by providing current position(in latitude, longitude, and altitude coordinates), clock offset, and time. This enables the receiver to search for the correct satellite signals at the correct signal

parameters . Correct initialization parameters enable the receiver to acquire signals quickly.

Table 14 contains the input values for the following example: Start using known position and time \$PSRF104, 37.3875111, -121.97232, 0, 95000, 237759, 922, 12, 3*3A

Table 14 LLA Navigation Initialization Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF104		PSRF104 protocol header
Lat	37.3875111	Degrees	Latitude position (Range 90 to –90)
Lon	-121.97232	Degrees	Longitude position (Range 180 to -180)
Alt	0	Meters	Altitude position
CLK Offset	95000	Hz	Clock Offset of the Evaluation Unit ¹
Time Of Week	237759	Seconds	GPS Time Of Week
Week No	922		GPS Week Number
Channel Count	12		Range 1 to 12
Reset Cfg	3		See Table 15
Checksum	*3A		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Use 0 for last saved value if available. If this is unavailable, a default value of 96,000 will be used.

Table 15 Reset Configuration

Hex	Description
0x01	Data Valid – Warm /Hot Starts=1
0x02	Clear Ephemeris – Warm Start=1
0x04	Clear Memory – Cold Start =1

Development Data On/Off

Use this command to enable development data information if you can not get the commands accepted. Invalid commands generate debug information that enables the

user to determine the source of the command rejection. Common reasons for input command rejection are invalid checksum of parameter out of specified range.

Table 16 contains the input values for the

following examples:

1. Debug On \$PSRF 105,1*3E

2. Debug Off \$PSRF 105,1*3F

Table 16 Development Data On/Off Data Format

Name	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	\$PSRF105		PSRF105 protocol header
Debug	1		0=Off , 1= On
Checksum	*3E		
<cr><lf></lf></cr>			End of message termination

Calculating Checksums for NMEA Input

The Checksum is the 8-bit exclusive OR of all the characters after \$ and before *. (Not including \$ and *)

to include:

- · Reliable transport of messages
- Ease of implementation
- Efficient implementation
- Independence from payload
 Protocol Layers Transport Message

SiRF Binary Protocol

The serial communication protocol is designed

Start Sequence	Payload Length	Payload	Message Checksum	End Sequence
0xA0 ¹ ,	Two-bytes	Up to 2 ¹⁰⁻¹	Two-bytes	0xB0,
0xA2	(15-bits)	(<1023)	(15-bits)	0xB3

0xYY denotes a hexadecimal byte value. 0xA0 equals 160.

Transport

The transport layer of the protocol encapsulates a GPS message in two start characters and two stop characters. The values are chosen to be easily identifiable and such that they are unlikely to occur frequently in the data. In addition, the transport layer prefixes the message with a two-byte (15- bit)message length and a two-byte(15-bit) choice of a 15-bit values for length and check sum are designed such that both message length and check sum can not alias with either the stop of start code.

Message Validation

The validation layer is of part of the transport, but operates independently. The byte count refers to the payload byte length. Likewise, the check sum is a sum on the payload.

Message Length

The message length is transmitted high order byte first followed by the low byte.

High Byte	Low Byte
<0x3F>	Any value

Even though the protocol has a maximum length of (2¹⁵⁻¹) bytes practical considerations require the SiRF GPS module implementation to limit this value to a smaller number. Likewise, the SiRF receiving programs (e.g., SiRF demo) may limit the actual size to something less than this maximum..

Payload Data

The payload data follows the message length. It contains the number of bytes specified by the message length. The payload data may contain any 8-bit value. Where multi-byte values are in the payload data neither the alignment nor the byte order are defined as part of the transport although SiRF payloads will use the big-endian order.

by the transport. Let msgLen be the number of bytes in the message array to be transmitted .

Index = first checkSum = 0 while index < msgLen checkSum = checkSum +message[index]

Checksum

The check sum is transmitted high order byte first followed byte the low byte. This is the so-called big- endian order

High Byte	Low Byte
<0x3F	Any value

The check sum is 15-bit checksum of the bytes in the payload data .The following pseudo code defines the algorithm used. Let message to be the array of bytes to be sent format

Input Messages for SiRF Binary

checkSum = checkSum AND(210-1)

Protocol

Note – All input messages are sent in BINARY

Table 17 SiRF Messages – Input Message List

Hex	ASCII	Name	
0 x 80	128	Initialize Data Source	
0 x 81	129	Switch to NMEA Protocol	
0 x 82	130	Set Almanac	
0 x 84	132	Software Version	
0 x 88	136	Mode Control	
0 x 89	137	DOP Mask Control	
0 x 8A	138	DFPS Control	
0 x 8B	139	Elevation Mask	
0 x 8C	140	Power Mask	
0 x 8D	141	Editing Residual	
0 x 8E	142	Steady-State Detection	
0 x 8F	143	Static Navigation	
0 x 90	144	Clock Status	
0 x 91	145	Set DGPS Serial Port	
0 x 92	146	Almanac	
0 x 93	147	Ephemeris	
0 x 95	149	Set Ephemeris	
0 x 96	150	Switch Operating Mode	
0 x 97	151	Set Trickle Power Parameters	
0 x 98	152	Navigation Parameters (Poll)	

Initialize Data Source-Message I.D. 128

Table 18 contains the input values for the following example:Warm start the receiver

with the following initialization data:ECEF WYZ (-2686727 m,-4304282 m,3851642 m),Clock Offset (75,000 Hz),Time of Week(86,400 s),Week Number(924),Week Number(924),and Channels(12). Raw track data Debug data enabled. 80FFD700F9FFBE5266003AC57A000124

Example: F80083S600039C0C33- Payload

A0A20019-Start Sequence and Payload 0A91B0B3-Message Checksum and End

Length Sequence

Table 18 Initialize Data Source

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		80		ASCII 128
ECEF X	4		FFD700F9	meters	
ECEF Y	4		FFBE5266	meters	
ECEF Z	4		003AC57A	meters	
Clock Offset	4		000124F8	Hz	
Time of Week	4	*100	0083D600	seconds	
Week Number	2		039C		
Channels	1		0C		Range 1-12
Reset Config.	1		33		See Table 19

Payload Length: 25 bytes

Table 19 Initialize Data Source

Bit	Description
0	Data valid flag-set warm/hot start
1	Clear ephemeris-set warm start
2	Clear memory-set cold start
3	Reserved (must be 0)
4	Enable raw track data (YES-1,NO=0)
5	Enable raw track data(TES=1,NO=0)
6	Reserved(must be 0)
7	Reserved (must be 0)

following example:

Note - If Raw Track Data is ENABLED Request the following NMEA data at 9600

then the resulting messages are message baud:

I.D. 0x05(ASCII 5-Raw Track Data), GGA – ON at 1 sec , GLL – 1sec , GSA – ON

message I.D. 0x08(ASCII 8-50 BPS data), at 1 sec GSV – ON at 1 sec , RMC – 1 sec ,

and message I.D. VTG – 1 sec

0x90 (ASCII 144 Clock Status). All Example:

messages are sent at 1 Hz. A0A20018 – Start Sequence and Payload

Length

8102010100010501050100010001000100010

Switch To NMEA Protocol – Message 001000112C0 – Payload

I.D. 129 0164B0B3 – Message Checksum and End

Table 20 contains the input values for the Sequence

Table 20 Switch To NMEA Protocol

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		81		ASCII 129
Mode	1		02		
GGA Message ¹	1		01	1/s	
Checksum ²	1		01		

GLL Message	1	00	1/s	
Checksum	1	01		
BSA Message	1	05	1/s	
Checksum	1	01		
GSV Message	1	05	1/s	
Checksum	1	01		
RMC Message	1	00	1/s	
Checksum	1	01		
VTG Message	1	00	1/s	
Checksum	1	01		
Unused Field	1	00		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	01		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	00		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	01		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	00		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	01		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	00		Recommended value
Unused Field	1	01		Recommended value
Baud Rate	1	12C0		38400,19200,9600,4800,2400

Payload Length: 24bytes

- (1) A value of 0x00 implies NOT to send message, otherwise data is sent at 1 message every X seconds requested (i.e., to request a message to be sent every 5 seconds, request the message using a value of 0x05.)Maximum rate is 1/255s.
- (2) A value of 0x00 implies the checksum is NOT calculated OR transmitted with the message (not recommended). A value of 0x01 will have a checksum calculated and transmitted as part of the message (recommended).

Set Almanac- Message I.D. 130

This command enables the user to upload an almanac to the Evaluation Unit

Note – This feature is not documented in

this manual. For information on implementation contact SiRF Technology Inc.

Software Version - Message I.D. 132

Table 21 contains the input values for the following example:Poll the software version

Example:

A0A20002 – Start Sequence and Payload Length

8400 - Payload

0084B0B3 – Message Checksum and End Sequence

Table 21 Software Version

		Bina	ary(Hex)		
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		84		ASCII 132
TBD	1		00		

Payload Length: 2 bytes

Mode control - Message I.D .136

Table 22 contains the input values for the following example: 3D Mode = Always , Alt Constraining = Yes , Degraded Mode — clock then direction , TBD = 1 , DR Mode = Yes , Altitude = 0, Alt Hold Mode = Auto, Alt Source = Last Computed , Coast Time Out = 20, Degraded Time Out = 5, DR Time Out = 2, Track Smoothing = Yes

Example:

A0A2000W - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

88010101010100000002140501 -

Payload

00A9B0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 22 Mode Control

		Bina	ry(Hex)		
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		88		ASCII 136
3D Mode	1		01		1 (always true=1)
Alt Constraint	1		01		YES = 1,NO = 0
Degraded Mode	1		01		See Table C-7
TBD	1		01		Reserved
DR Mode	1		01		YES = 1,NO = 0
Altitude	2		0000	Meters	Range –1,000 to 10,000
Alt Hold Mode	1		00		Auto = 0,Always=1,Disable=2
Alt Source	1		02		Last Computed=0,Fixed to=1
Coast Time Out	1		14	Seconds	0 to 120
Degraded Time	1		05	Seconds	0 to 120
Out					
Dr Time Out	1		01	Seconds	0 to 120
Track Smoothing	1		01		YES = 1,NO = 0

Payload Length:14 bytes

Table 23 Degraded Mode Byte Value

Byte Value	Description				
0	Use Direction then Clock Hold				
1	Use Clock then Direction Hold				
2	Direction(Curb)Hold Only				
3	Clock(Time)Hold Only				
4	Disable Degraded Modes				

DOP Mask Control - Message I.D. 137

Table 24 contains the input values for the following example:

Auto Pdop/Hdop, Gdop =

8(default),Pdop=8,Hdop=8

Example:

A0A20005 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

8900080808 - Payload

00A1B0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 24 DOP Mask Control

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		88		ASCII 137
DOP Selection	1		00		See Table 25
GDOP Value	1		08		Range 1 to 50
PDOP Value	1		08		Range 1 to 50
HDOP Value	1		80		Range 1 to 50

Payload Length: 5 bytes

Table 25 DOP Selection

Byte Value	Description
0	Auto PDOP/HDOP
1	PDOP
2	HDOP
3	GDOP
4	Do Not Use

DGPS Control - Message I.D.138

Table 26 contains the input values for the

following example:

Set DGPS to exclusive with a time out of

30 seconds.

Example:

A0A20003 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

8A011E - Payload

00A9B0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 26 DGPS Control

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		8A		ASCII 138
DGPS Selection	1		01		See Table 27
DGPS Time Out	1		1E	Seconds	Range 1 to 120

Payload Length:3 bytes

Table 27 DGPS Selection

Byte Value	Description
0	Auto
1	Exclusive
2	Never
3	Mixed (not recommended)

Elevation Mask - Message I.D.139

Table 28 contains the input values for the

following example:

Set Navigation Mask to 15.5 degrees

(Tracking Mask is defaulted to 5 degrees).

Example:

A0A20005 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

8B0032009B - Payload

0269B0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 28 Elevation Mask

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		8B		ASCII 139
Tracking Mask	2	*10	0032	degrees	Not currently used
Navigation Mask	2	*10	009B	degrees	Range –20.0 to 90.0

Payload Length:5 bytes

Power Mask - Message I.D.140

Table 29 contains the input values for the

following example: Navigation mask to

33dBHz (tracking default value of 28)

Example:

A0A20003 - Start Sequence and Payload

Table 29 Power Mask

Length

8C1C21 - Payload

00C9B0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		8C		ASCII 140
Tracking Mask	1		1C	dBHz	Not currently implemented
Navigation Mask	1		21	dBHz	Range –28 to 50

Payload Length: 3 bytes

Editing Residual - Message I.D.141

Note - Not implemented currently

Steady State Detection – Message I.D.142

Table 30 contains the input values for the

following example: Set Stead State

Threshold to 1.5 m/sec²

Example:

A0A20002 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

8E0F - Payload

009DB0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 30 Steady Detection

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		8E		ASCII 142
Threshold	1		0F	M /sec2	Range 0 to 20

Payload: 2 bytes

Static Navigation - Message I.D.144

Table 31 Steady State Detection

		Bina	ry(Hex)		
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		90		ASCII 144
TBD	1		00		Reserved

Payload Length: 2 bytes

Set DGPS Serial Port – Message I.D 145

Table 32 contains the input values for the following example:Set DGPS Serial port to 9600.n,8,1.

Example:

A0A20009-Start Sequence and Payload

Length

910000258008010000 - Payload

013FB0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 32 Set DGPS Serial Port

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		91		ASCII 145
Baud	4		00002580		38400,19200,9600,4800,2400,1200
Data Bits	1		08		8,7
Stop Bit	1		01		0,1
Parity	1		00		None=0,Odd=1,Even=2
Pad	1		00		Reserved

Payload Length: 9 bytes

Almanac - Message I.D.146

Table 33 contains the input values for the following example:Poll for the Almanac.

Example:

A0A20002 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

9200 - Payload

0092B0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 33 Almanac

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		92		ASCII 146
TBD	1		00		Reserved

Payload Length: 2 bytes

Ephemeris Message I.D.147

Table 34 contains the input values for the following example:Poll for *Ephemeris* Data

for all satellites.

Example:

A0A20003 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

930000 - Payload

0092B0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 34 Almanac

		Bin	Binary(Hex)		
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		93		ASCII 147
Sv I.D.1	1		00		Range 0 to 32
TBD	1		00		Reserved

Payload Length: 3 bytes

A value of 0 requests all available ephemeris records, otherwise the ephemeris of the Sv I.D. is requested.

Switch To SiRF Protocol

Note – To switch to SiRF protocol you must send a SiRF NMEA message to revert to SiRF binary mode. (See page 9, "NMEA Input Messages " for more information)

Switch Operating Modes - Message I.D. 150

Table 35 contains the input values for the following example:

Sets the receiver to track a single satellite on all channels.

Example:

A0A20007—Start Sequence and Payload

Length

961E510006001E—Payload

0129B0B3—Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 35 Switch Operating Mode I.D. 150

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		96		ASCII 150
Mode	2		1E51		1E51=test, 0=nomal
SvID	2		0006		Satellite to Track
Period	2		001E	seconds	Duration of Track

Payload length: 7 bytes

Set Trickle Power Parameters - Message I.D. 151

Table 36 contains the input values for the following example: Sets the receiver into low power Modes. Example: Set receiver into Trickle Power at 1 hz update and 200 ms On Time.

A0A20009—Start Sequence and Payload Length

9700000C8000000C8—Payload

0227B0B3—Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 36 Set Trickle Power Parameters I.D. 151

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		97		ASCII 151
Push To FixMode	2		0000		ON=1, OFF=0
Duty Cycle	2	*10	00C8	%	% Time on
Milli Seconds On Time	4		000000C8	ms	Range 200 ~ 500 ms

Payload Length: 9bytes.

Computation of Duty Cycle and On Time.

The Duty Cycle is the desired time to be spent tracking. The On Time is the duration of each tracking period (range is 200 - 900 ms). To calculate the TricklePower update rate as a function of Duty cycle and On

Time, use the following formula:

Off Time = (On Time - (Duty Cycle * On Time)) / Duty Cycle

Update rate = Off Time + On Time

Note - On Time inputs of > 900 ms will default to 1000 ms

Following are some examples of selections:

Table 37 Example of selections for Trickle Power Mode of Operation

Mode	On Time (ms)	Duty Cycle (%)	Update rate (1/Hz)
Continuous	1000	100	1
Trickle Power	200	20	1
Trickle Power	200	10	2
Trickle Power	300	10	3
Trickle power	500	5	10

See Table 38 for supported/unsupported settings.

Table 38 Trickle Power Mode Settings

On Time		Update Rate (second)						
(ms)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
200	Y	Υ	N	N	N	N	N	N
300	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N
400	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
500	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
600	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ
700	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ
800	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Y
900	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ

Y = Yes (Mode supported)

N = No (Mode NOT supported)

Push-to-Fix

In this mode the receiver will turn on every 30 minutes to perform a system update consisting of a RTC calibration and satellite ephemeris data collection if required (i.e., a new satellite has become visible) as well as all software tasks to support SnapStart in the event of an NMI. Ephemeris collection time in general this takes 18 to 30 seconds. If ephemeris data is not required then the system will re-calibrate and shut down. In either case,

the amount of time the receiver remains off will be in proportion to how long it stayed on:

Off period = (On Period*(1-Duty Cycle) / Duty Cycle)

Off Period is limited to 30 minutes. The duty cycle will not be less than approximately On Period/1800, or about 1%. Push-to-Fix keeps the ephemeris for all visible satellites up to date so position/velocity fixes can generally be computed within SnapStart times (when requested by the user) on the order of 3

seconds. Example: Poll receiver for current

navigation parameters.

A0A20002—Start Sequence and Payload

Poll Navigation Parameters - Message I.D. 152

Table C-20 contains the input values for

the following example:

9800—Payload

0098B0B3-Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Length

Table 39 Poll Receiver for Navigation Parameters

		Binary(Hex)			
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Description
Message ID	1		98		ASCII 152
Reserved	1		00		

Payload length: 2 bytes

Output Messages for SiRF Binary Protocol

Note – All output messages are received in BINARY format. SiRF demo interprets the binary data and saves if to the log file in ASCII format.

Table 40 lists the message list for the SiRF output messages

Hex	ASCII	Name	Description
0x02	2	Measured Navigation Data	Position, velocity, and time
0x04	4	Measured Tracking Data	Signal to noise information
0x05	5	Raw Track Data	Measurement information
0x06	6	SW version	Receiver software
0x07	7	Clock Status	
0x08	8	50 BPS Subframe Date	Standard ICD format
0x09	9	Throughput	CPU load
0x0B	11	Command Acknowledgment	Successful request
0x0C	12	Command N Acknowledgment	Unsuccessful request
0X0D	13	Visible List	
0x0E	14	Almanac Data	
0x0F	15	Ephemeris Data	
0xFF	255	Development Data	Various data messages

A0A20029 – Start Sequence and Payload

Length

Measure Navigation Data Out – Message I.D.2

Output Rate: 1 Hz

Table 41 lists the binary and ASCII

message data format for the measured

navigation data

Example:

02FFD6F78CFFBE869E003AC004000301

04A00036B039780E3

0612190E160F04000000000000 -

Payload

09BBB0B3 - Message Checksum, and

End Sequence

Table 41 Measured Navigation Data Out – Binary & ASCII Message Data Format

		Binary(H	lex)		ASCII(E	Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		02			2
X – position	4		FFD6F78C	М		-2689140
Y – position	4		FFBE536E	М		-4304018
Z – position	4		003AC004	М		3850244
X – velocity	2	*8	00	M/s	Vx/8	0
Y – velocity	2	*8	03	M/s	Vy/8	0.375
Z – velocity	2	*8	01	M/s	/8	0.125
Mode ¹	1		04	Bitmap1		4
DOP ²	1	*5	Α		/5	2.0
Mode ³	1		00	Bitmap3		0
GPS Week	2		036B			875
GPS TOW	4	*100	039780E3	seconds	/100	602605.79
SVs in Fix	1		06			6
CH 1	1		12			18
CH 2	1		19			25
CH 3	1		0E			14
CH 4	1		16			22
CH 5	1		0F			15
CH 6	1		04			4
CH 7	1		00			0
CH 8	1		00			0
CH 9	1		00			0
CH 10	1		00			0
CH 11	1		00			0
CH 12	1		00			0

Payload Length :41 bytes

¹For further information , go to *Table 42*²Dilution of precision (DOP) field contains value of PDOP when Position is obtained using 3D solution and HDOP in all other cases.

³For further information, go to *Table 43*Note – Binary units scaled to integer values need to be divided by the scale value to receive true decimal value (i.e., decimal Xvel = binary Xvel /8).

Table 42 Mode 1

Mod	le 1	Description
Hex	ASCII	
0x00	0	No Navigation Solution
0x01	1	1 Satellite Solution
0x02	2	2 Satellite Solution
0x03	3	3 Satellite Solution (2D)
0x04	4	>=4 Satellite Solution (3D)
0x05	5	2D Point Solution(Krause)
0x06	6	3D Point Solution(Krause)
0x07	7	Dead Reckoning (Time Out)

Table 43 Mode 2

Mod	le 2	Description			
Hex	ASCII				
0x00	0	DR Sensor Data			
0x01	1	Validated / Unvalidated			
0x02	2	Dead Reckoning (Time Out)			
0x03	3	Output Edited by UI			
0x04	4	Reserved			
0x05	5	Reserved			
0x06	6	Reserved			
0x07	7	Reserved			

Measured Tracker Data Out – Message I.D.4

Output Rate: 1 Hz

Table 44 lists the binary and ASCII

message data format for the measured

tracker data.

Example: A0A200BC - Start Sequence

and Payload Length

04036C0000937F0C0EAB46003F 1A1E1D1D191D1A1A1D1F1D594 23

F1A1A.... – Payload ****B0B3 –

Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 44 Measured Tracker Data Out

		Binary	y(Hex)		ASCII(D	ecimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		04	None		4
GPS Week	2		036C			876
GPS TOW	4	S*100	0000937F	S	S/100	37759
Channels	1		0C			12
1 st Sv ID	1		0E			14
Azimuth	1	Az*[2/3]	AB	Degree	/[2/3]	256.5
Elev.	1	EI*2	46	Degree	/2	35
State	2		003F	Bitmap1		63
C/NO 1	1		1A			26
C/NO 2	1		1E			30
C/NO 3	1		1D			29
C/NO 4	1		1D			29
C/NO 5	1		19			25
C/NO 6	1		1D			29
C/NO 7	1		1A			26
C/NO 8	1		1A			26
C/NO 9	1		1D			29
C/NO 10	1		1F			31
2 nd Sv ID	1		1D			29
Azimuth	1	Az*[2/3]	59	Degree	/[2/3]	89
Elev.	1	EI*2	42	Degree	/2	66
State	2		3F	Bitmap1		63
C/NO 1	1		1A			26
C/NO 2	1		1A			63

Payload Length: 188 bytes

Note - Message length is fixed to 188

For further information, go to $\it Table~45$.

bytes with non tracking channels reporting

zero values

Table 45 Trk. to NAV Struct. Trk._status Field Definition

Field Definition	Hex Value	Description
ACQ_SUCCESS	0x0001	Set if acq/reacq if done successfully
DELTA_CARPHASE_VALI D	0x0002	Integrated carrier phase is valid
BIT_SYNC_DONE	0x0004	Bit sync completed flag
SUBFRAME_SYNC_DONE	0x0008	Subframe sync has been done
CARRIER_PULLIN_DONE	0x0010	Carrier pull in done
CODE_LOCKED	0x0020	Code locked
ACQ_FAILED	0x0040	Failed to acquire S/V
GOT_EPHEMERIS	0x0080	Ephemeris data available

Note – When a channel is fully locked and all data is valid, the status shown is 0xBF

Raw Tracker Data Out – Message I.D.5

Output Rate:1 Hz

Table 46 lists the binary and ASCII

message data format for the raw tracker

data .

Example:

A0A20033 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

0500000070013003F00EA1BD4000D03

9200009783000DF45E000105B5FF90F5

C20000242827272327242427290500000

0070013003F - Payload

0B2DB0B3 – Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 46 Raw Tracker Data Out

		Bin	ary(Hex)		ASCII	(Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		05			5
Channel	4		00000007			7
SVID	2		0013			19
State	2		003F	Bitmap ¹		63
Bits	4		00EA1BD4	Bit		15342548
Ms	2		000D	Ms		13
Chips	2		0392	Chip		914
Code Phase	4	2-16	00009783	Chip	/2-16	38787
Carrier Doppler	4	2-10	000DF45E	Rad/2ms	/2-10	914526
Time Tag	4		000105B5	Ms		66997
Delta Carrier ²	4	2-10	FF90F5C2	Cycles	/2-10	-7277118
Search Count	2		0000			0
C/NO 1	1		24	dBHz		36
C/NO 2	1		28	dBHz		40
C/NO 3	1		27	dBHz		39
C/NO 4	1		27	dBHz		39
C/NO 5	1		23	dBHz		35
C/NO 6	1		27	dBHz		39
C/NO 7	1		24	dBHz		36
C/NO 8	1		24	dBHz		36
C/NO 9	1		27	dBHz		39
C/NO 10	1		29	dBHz		41
Power Loss Count	1		05			5
Phase Loss Count	1		00000007			7

Integration Interval	2	0013	Ms	19
Track Loop Iteration	2	003F		63

Payload Length:51 bytes per satellite tracked (up to 12)

- 1. For further information, go to Table 45
- 2. Multiply by $(1000 \div 4\pi) \div 2^{16}$ to convert to Hz.

The meaning of I.D.5 is described as following table

Message ID:	Each SiRF binary message is defined based on the ID.
Channel:	Receiver channel where data was measured (range 1-12).
SVID:	PRN number of the satellite on current channel.
State:	Current channel tracking state (see Table 45)
Bit Number:	Number of GPS bits transmitted since Sat-Sun midnight (in Greenwich) at a 50 bps rate.
Millisecond Number:	Number of milliseconds of elapsed time since the last received bit(20 ms between bits)
Chip Number:	Current C/A code symbol being transmitted (range 0 to 1023 chips;1023 chips=1 ms).
Code Phase:	Fractional chip of the C/A code symbol at the time of sampling(scaled by 2 ⁻¹⁶ ,=1/65536)
Carrier Doppler:	The current value of the carrier frequency as maintained by the tracking loops.
Receiver Time Tag:	This is the count of the millisecond interrupts from the start of the receiver (power on) until the measurement sample is taken. The ms interrupts are generated by the receiver clock.
Delta Carrier Phase:	The difference between the carrier phase(current) and the carrier phase(previous). Units are in carrier cycles with the LSB= 0.00185 carrier cycles. The delta time for the accumulation must be known. Note –Carrier phase measurements are not necessarily in sync with code phase measurement for each measurement epoch.
Search Count:	This is the number of times the tracking software has completed full satellite signal searche.s
C/No:	Ten measurements of carrier to noise ratio(C/No) values in dBHZ at input to the receiver. Each value represents 100 ms of tracker data and its sampling time is not necessarily in sync with the code phase measurement.
Power Loss Count:	The number of times the power detectors fell below the threshold between the present code phase sample and the previous code phase sample. This task is performed every 20 ms (max count is 50).
Phase Loss Count:	The number of time the phase lock fell below the threshold between the present code phase sample and the previous code phase sample. This task is performed every 20 ms (max count is 50).
Integration Interval:	The time in ms for carrier phase accumulation. This is the time difference (as calculated by the user clock) between the Carrier Phase(current) and the Carrier Phase(previous).
Track Loop Iteration:	The tracking Loops are run at 2 ms and 10 ms intervals. Extrapolation values for each interval is 1 ms and 5 ms for range computations.

Calculation of Pseudo-Range Measurements

The pseudo-range measurement in meters can be determined from the raw track data by solving the following equation:

Pseudo-range (PR) = {Received Tine (RT) – Transmit Time (TT)} * C where C = speed of light The following variables from the raw track data are required for each satellite:

Bit Number (BN) - 50 bits per second

Millisecond Number (MSN)

Chip Number (CN)

Code Phase (CP)

Receiver Time Tag (RTTag)

Delta Carrier Phase (DCP)

The following steps are taken to get the psr

data and carrier data for each measurement epoch.

- Computation of initial Receiver
 Time(RT) in seconds. Note-Where the
 initial arbitrary value chosen at start
 up to make the PR reasonable
 (i.e.,set equal to TT+70ms) and then
 incriminated by one second for each
 measurement epoch.
- Computation of Transmit Time (TT) in seconds.
- 3. Calculate Pseudo-range at a common receiver time of the first channel of the measurement data set. Note-All channel measurements are NOT taken at the same time. Therefore, all ranges must be extrapolated to a common measurement epoch. For simplicity, the first channel of each measurement set is used as the reference to which all other measurements are extrapolated.
- 4. Extrapolate the pseudo-range based

on the correlation interval to improve precision.

Compute the delta range.

If the accumulation time of the Dalta Carrier Phase is 1000 ms then the measurement is valid and can be added to the previous Delta Carrier Phase to get Accumulated Carrier Phase data. If the accumulation time of the Delta Carrier Phase is not equal to 1000 ms then the measurement is not valid and the accumulation time must be restarted to get Accumulated Carrier Phase data.

Response :Software Version String – Message I.D.6

Output Rate:Response to polling message Example:

A0A20015 – Start Sequence and Payload Length

0606312E322E30444B495431313920534

D0000000000-Payload

0382B0B3 – Message Checksum and End Sequence

Table 47 Software Tracker Data Out

		Binary(Hex)			AS	SCII(Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		06			6
Character	20		1			2

Payload Length: 21 bytes

Note – Convert to symbol to assemble message (i.e., 0x4E is 'N'). These are low priority task and are not necessarily output at constant intervals.

Response : Clock Status Data – Message I.D.7

Output Rate:1Hz or response to polling message

Example:

A0A20014 – Start Sequence and Payload Length 0703BD021549240822317923DAEF – Payload

0598B0B3 - Message Checksum and End Sequence

Table 48 Clock Status Data Message

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)	
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		07			7
GPS Week	2		03BD			957
GPS TOW	4	*100	02154924	S	/100	349494.12
Svs	1		80			8
Clock Drift	4		2231	Hz		74289
Clock Bias	4		7923	ns		128743715
Estimated GPS	4		DAEF	ms		349493999
Time						

Payload Length: 20 bytes

50BPS Data - Message I.D.8

Output Rate:As available (12.5 minute download time)

Example: A0A2002B - Start Sequence and

Payload Length

08***** - Payload

****B0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 49 Clock Status Data Message

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)	
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		80			8
Channel	1					
Sv ID	1					
Word [10]	40					

Payload Length:43 bytes per subframe

(6subframes per page, 25 pages

Almanac)

Note – Data is logged in ICD format (available from www.navcen.uscg.mail)

CPU Throughput – Message I.D.9

Output Rate:1 Hz

Example: A0A20009 - Start Sequence and

Payload Length

09003B0011001601E5 - Payload

0151B0B3 - Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 50 CPU Throughput

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		09			9
SegStatMax	2	*186	003B	ms	/186	.3172
SegStatLat	2	*186	0011	ms	/186	.0914
AveTrkTime	2	*186	0016	ms	/186	.1183
Last MS	2		01E5	ms		485

Payload Length: 9 bytes

Command Acknowledgment – Message I.D.11

Output Rate: Response to successful

input message

This is successful almanac (message ID

0x92)request example:

A0A20002 - Start Sequence and

Payload Length

0B92 - Payload

009DB0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 51 Command Acknowledgment

		Binary(Hex)		Binary(Hex)		Binary(Hex)			ASCI	I(Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale Example		Units	Scale	Example				
Message ID	1		0B			11				
Ack.I.D.	1		92			146				

Payload Length: 2 bytes

Command N Acknowledgment – Message I.D. 12

Output Rate: Response to rejected Input

message

This is unsuccessful almanac (message

ID 0x92) request example:

A0A20002 - Start Sequence and Payload

Length

0C92 - Payload

009EB0B3 - Message Checksum and

End Sequence

Table 52 Command N Acknowledgment

		Binary(Hex)		Binary(Hex)		Binary(Hex)			ASC	II(Decimal)
Name	Bytes	Scale Example		Units	Scale	Example				
Message ID	1		0C			12				
N Ack. I.D	1		92			146				

Payload Length: 2 bytes

Visible List - Message I.D.13

Output Rate:Updated approximately every 2minutes. Note – This is a variable length message. Only the number of visible satellites are reported(as define by visible

****B0B3 – Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 53 Visible List

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)	
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		0D			13
Visible Svs	1		80			8
CH 1 –Sv I.D	1		07			7
CH 1 –Sv Azimuth	2		0029	Degrees		41
CH 1 –Sv	2		0038	Degrees		56
Elevation						
CH 2 -Sv I.D	1		09			9
CH 2 -Sv Azimuth	2		0133	Degrees		307
CH 2 –Sv	2		002C	Degrees		44
Elevation						

Payload Length:62 bytes(maximum)

Almanac Data - Message I.D.14

Output Rate:Response to poll

Example :A0A203A1 - Start Sequence

and Payload Length

0E01****** - Payload

****B0B3 - Message

checksum and End Sequence

Table 54 Visible List

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)	
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		0E			14
Sv I.D.(1)	1		01			1
Almanac Data[14][2]	28					
Sv I.D.(32)	1		20			32
Almanac Data[14][2]	28					

Payload Length: 929 bytes(maximum)

Set Ephemeris - Message I.D.254

This command enables the user to upload an ephemeris to the Evaluation unit.

Note – This feature is not documented in

this manual . For information on

implementation contact SiRF Technology

Inc.

Development Data - Message I.D.255

Output Rate: Receiver generated

Example :A0A2**** - Start Sequence

and Payload Length

FF****** - Payload

****B0B3 – Message Checksum and End

Sequence

Table 55 Visible List

		Binary(Hex)			ASCII(Decimal)	
Name	Bytes	Scale	Example	Units	Scale	Example
Message ID	1		FF			255

Payload Length: Variable

Note – Messages are output to give the user information of receiver activity.

Convert to symbol to assemble message

(i.e., 0x4E is 'N') these are low priority task and are not necessarily output at constant intervals.

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